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Marine Corps Security Cooperation Group

FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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MCSCG Commanding Officer

Remarks by Colonel Matt Baker



Dear MCSCG families,

Happy holidays! Hope to see you and yours at our Christmas Party on 18 December.

I surely appreciate the hard work of the Marines, Sailors and Civilians that are assigned to our command. They are making a difference around the world, literally. THANKS!

We will have information for those interested in supporting our Family Readiness program at the party. What we're looking at is a luncheon to discuss future events and ways to improve our approach in January.

Keeping this short by design... And direction! Again, I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the party.

Semper Fidelis,

Matt Baker Colonel U.S. Marine Corps





MCSCG Sergeant Major

Remarks by Sergeant Major Leggett

Marines, Families, and Friends,



Hopefully, everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. For those of us who went down south like my wife Romona and I, it was definitely warm in Georgia compared to those of us who traveled up North past DC where it was icy and cold. Everyone made it back from the Thanksgiving 96' in once piece, which is always something to be grateful for.

Here we are at what many would call the greatest time of the year. A time when most people put aside their personal grievances, and embrace the spirit of giving, whether gifts, food, time or just a smile. A time when eggnog, mistletoe, lights, Christmas trees, mangers, carolers and reminders of the holidays are seen everywhere. As I look back over the years, I can remember being deployed to faraway lands during this time of year. For all that are home this season with family, don't take it for granted because we still have many Marines who are deployed on foreign shores that will not be home.

For those who suggested more pictures be added to the newsletter, I've added some. You will see pictures taken during a recent trip to Peru where the Commanding Officer, Colonel Baker and I joined the SOUTHCOM/ NORTHCOM CLATT in visiting Peruvian Marines on their base located on the Amazon River in October. In Iquitos, motorcycles are the main form of transportation, even the taxis down there. This is one of the indigenous wildlife (a small one only 14 feet long)! The next photo is of the Peruvian Marines, conducting a changing of the guard ceremony at the Presidential Palace in in the capital Lima Peru. Thank you to all that were able to attend this year's birthday ball, it was great seeing everyone.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas party this month.



Semper Fidelis,

Derek Leggett Sergeant Major U.S. Marine Corps





Training Instructor Group

Remarks by LtCol. Martinez

Greetings Family and Friends of the Training Instructor Group,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you are enjoying the weather. The TIG remained busy this fall, maintaining its high pace of training operations and instructor development.

October saw the transition of Sergeant Ringstaff, a longstanding TIG Marine, to new and better things. Sergeant Ringstaff contributed greatly to the success of the TIG and he will be sorely missed.

Throughout this period the TIG also gained new members. The TIG warmly welcomes Gunnery Sergeant Smith, Staff Sergeant Regino, and Staff Sergeant Reed and their families

Corporal Blackmore was promoted to Sergeant on 1 October.

The Marines of the Training Instructor Group cannot be successful without your support. I am honored to work with such fine men and their wonderful families. I thank all of you for your continued support.

Semper Fidelis,

Roberto Martinez Lieutenant Colonel U.S. Marine Corps





Coordinated Liaison, Assessment, and Training Team Corner

Remarks by LtCol Vazquez NORTHCOM / SOUTHCOM CLATT

Families and Friends,

For the past several months, the CLATT has been hard at work coordinating and executing Security Cooperation (SC) activities across two continents. Responsible for Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America, our Marines have traveled far and wide to work with our military counterparts from various countries. In addition to our responsibilities abroad, we have also focused significant effort in preparing our fellow U.S. Marines for their own missions in the region.

GySgt Andrew Stitt recently returned from the U.S. Embassy in Mexico where he was working as the Assistant Marine Section Chief. Following in the footsteps of Capt Nick Pisacano and Capt Omar Silva, we are confident that their collective contributions have made a lasting impact.

MCSCG Marines conducted a subject matter expert exchange (SMEE) with senior officers from the Guatemalan Navy and Marine Corps. Exchange topics included Marine Corps History, Leadership and Ethos, unit training management and doctrine development.





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We also welcomed back Capt Bryant Kruse from Guatemala. During his time there in the U.S. Embassy he developed an exceptionally strong relationship with the US Military Group. Capt Kruse returned in November to conduct a subject matter expert exchange with senior officers from the Guatemalan Marine Corps. He was supported by GySgt Jason Ruiz as well as other members of the command.

Capt Jim Wareham led his team to Belize to execute an assessment of the Belizean Defense Force and Coast Guard. GySgt Cedric Espeut and GySgt Andrew Knott formed the rest of the team, where they conducted the analysis and identified opportunities for future engagements. Planning continues in full force as the team works to develop a Security Cooperation Engagement Plan that will guide the Marine Corps' efforts in Belize for several years to come.

As the CLATT SNCOIC, GySgt Chris Sandusky continues to keep tabs on administrative and logistical requirements, and is preparing for his retirement early next year.

Maj Nuno Pires and Capt Chase O'Mahoney recently augmented a Force Reconnaissance and medical bilateral training team outside of Brasilia, Brazil. During the exercise, the team provided command and control as well as linguist support during a tactics exchange and supported multiple full-profile missions.

Maj Robert Johnessee and Capt Silva have returned from Peru, where they provided engagement execution support to the Peruvian Marines in their culminating training event prior to deployment in support of counterinsurgency operations in the central part of the country.

SSgt Alex Caro returned in October after an exceptional performance at the Staff Non-Commissioned Officer Career Course in Quantico. This month, GySgt Ruiz will join the Marine Forces North Security Cooperation Team in Camp Shelby, MS, for the Mexican Marine Junior Officer Professional Development event.

The CLATT welcomed the latest iteration of the Marine Forces South Security Cooperation team to Fort Story in November to begin a rigorous pre-deployment training program that will culminate in a comprehensive Mission Support Exercise prior to graduation. The CLATT and Training Instructor Group (TIG) continue to work hand-in-hand to ensure the team is well prepared for its deployment to Central America early next year.



Semper Fidelis,

John F. Vazquez Lieutenant Colonel U.S. Marine Corps

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Remarks by LtCol Baseel PACOM CLATT

Families and Friends,

Over the past quarter, PACOM CLAT continued to integrate closely with Marine Forces Pacific to support their Security Cooperation activities in the Asia-Pacific region.

Capt Blamey participated in the Marine Forces Pacific Training Exercises and Employment Plan Conference in order to refine future MCSCG support, while GySgt Heyman was a key member of a bilateral intelligence conference with the Japanese Ground Self Defense Forces.

GySgt Heyman also received a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal during this period for achievements during his previous tour with I Marine Expeditionary Force.

SSgt Roybal helped to augment the Training Instructor Group's cadre of instructors to address a critical manning shortfall. In addition to the above, CLAT members primary focus during this time was preparing for several upcoming Operational Environment Mobile Training Teams during December and January.

Semper Fidelis,

Johnny M. Baseel Lieutenant Colonel U. S. Marine Corps

Coordinated Liaison, Assessment, and Training Team Corner

Remarks by LtCol Rehder CENTCOM CLATT

Holiday Greetings from the MCSCG Middle East Team,

Captain Eric Mattison, Captain Nick Boxey, and Staff Sergeant Robert Davies recently completed engagement and exercise planning with Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Marines stationed near the capital of Riyadh. Their skilled efforts are expected to lead to future equipment sales and exercise interoperability between the USMC and the KSA Marines.

Captain Nick Scaljon and Captain Brent Quimby recently supported engagement planning in Amman and Aqaba, Jordan between US and Jordanian Marines. Among other things, their work will directly support EAGER LION, the largest US sponsored military exercise in the middle east.

As I write this message, Gunnery Sergeant Devon Ambrose is attending the DISAM Security Cooperation Action Officer course designed to develop the skills necessary to better plan and manage military training between US and Foreign Partner forces.

In coming weeks, Major James Blanford will be putting the final touches on the training program our team will instruct to Marines in California that are preparing for a 7-month deployment to the middle east.

And most important of all, it appears all eight of us will be home with our families for the holidays. Best gift we can get.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Bobby B. Rehder





Coordinated Liaison, Assessment, and Training Team Corner

Remarks by Maj. Sims EUCOM CLATT

Friends and Family of the EUCOM CLATT,

The past few months have been busy and productive for the team. Major Cary, Captain Lucas, Gunnery Sergeant Milliken, and Rod Hendrick have hit a home run with the training for 2d Battalion 8th Marines (2/8) and the Black Sea Rotational Force rotation. Their foresight and diligent professionalism towards ensuring our young Marines are prepared to deploy has earned appreciation for MCSCG throughout the east coast MAGTF. The multiple trips to Camp Lejeune to work with 2/8 are taxing on the home-front, and I appreciate your patience. Allowing them the latitude to accomplish such an important task is definitely recognized.

Additionally, Major Boyle, Major Birney, Master Gunnery Sergeant Allen, Captain Thomas, and Gunnery Sergeant Spiker seamlessly trained and deployed another Georgian Deployment Program group of advisor teams. Special thanks to the MCSCG S-4 section and the TIG for their partnership in this considerable effort. The Georgian Training Team and the Georgian Liaison Team are now in the middle of their training efforts and continue to carry on the special USMC-Republic of Georgia relationship. Master Sergeant Parry and Master Sergeant Ralph also continue to lead MCSCG efforts in Georgia and are performing at their regular level of excellence.

As we lean into next year and another Georgian iteration, MRE, and BSRF rotation, please take the opportunity to enjoy this time with family and friends. Please accept my sincere appreciation for the sacrifice your family has made this year with the absence of your Marine.



May you and your family have a Happy Holiday Season.

Nick B. Sims Major U. S. Marine Corps

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Remarks by LtCol. De Wet AFRICOM CLATT

Friends and Family of the AFRICOM CLATT,

We all understand how busy this last month of the year is so I appreciate your patience with all the days your MCSCG Marine is on the road accomplishing all the great things we do. The following are examples of what we have been doing.

The CLATT remains engaged on the continent as well as across the great 48 states, successfully training and supporting Marines as they prepare to execute security cooperation events across Africa. LtCol de Wet, Maj Lewis and GySgt Schemenauer have been working on a valuable project that has kept them busy in Ghana. Maj Lilly has been working hard to prepare the US Army advisor team that will deploy to Liberia in support of Operation Onward Liberty (OOL) in January. Capt Bourne and Capt McGough have been working to prepare the Marines and Sailors of Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force Crisis Response for their assigned security theater cooperation missions in the AFRICOM AOR. As well, they have been continuing to support the dedicated engagement plan in Senegal. GySgt Irons has been working hard to continue our success with the African Partnership Station engagements across West Africa. The Marines of AFRICOM CLATT are very busy, but looking forward to a well needed holiday rest with their families.

From all of AFCLATT, have a great Christmas season and a Happy New Year

Semper Fidelis,

Gert J. De Wet Lieutenant Colonel U. S. Marine Corps



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MCSCG S-2 INTEL SECTION

Remarks by Capt. Brennan

Greeting Families and Friends,

As the winter season approached, the Marines of the intelligence section remained ever vigilant in our efforts to provide force protection and counterintelligence guidance to all MCSCG members and families, regardless of their physical residence. Through liaison with local and federal law enforcement agencies like the Navy Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), relevant and timely information concerning physical and cyber threats, as well as the ever-present specter of espionage is continuously provided to all members in order to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Additionally, we gained the services of Gunnery Sergeant Adam Wallman and his family from Okinawa, Japan. Adam is a welcome addition to the team and brings substantial educational and cultural insight to the think tank.

As we gain, so too do we lose; Gunnery Sergeant Hawkeye Norman is departing after four years of dedicated service to the command. His technical expertise in counterintelligence will be missed. As a measure of our deep gratitude, a small token of appreciation was presented to Hawkeye at his farewell luncheon - Kryptos. This symbol represents some of the most compelling reasons to remain engaged in the craft of human intelligence. Renowned as an unsolved code, three of the four panels have been deciphered. However, no supercomputer or analytical endeavor has been able to reveal the words hidden within the final panel. There is one human alive who knows the answer, Jim Sanborn, the author of the code. Unfortunately (or fortunately), Mr. Sanborn is committed to his task of keeping this secret.

"Kryptos is an encrypted sculpture by the American artist, Jim Sanborn, that is located on the grounds of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in Langley, Virginia. Since its dedication on November 3, 1990, there has been much speculation about the meaning of the encrypted messages it bears. Of the four messages, three have been solved, with the fourth remaining one of the most famous unsolved codes in the world. The sculpture continues to provide a diversion for cryptanalysts, both amateur and professional, who are attempting to decipher the final section. The sculptor has given clues on several occasions."

To learn more about the amazing Kryptos sculpture, visit the CIA. https://www.cia.gov/about-cia/headquarters-tour/kryptos/index.html

David Brennan
Captain
U.S. Marine Corps



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MCSCG MEDICAL

Remarks by Lt Walton

Protecting yourself and your family from cold Stress/injuries as you work and play this winter



Hypothermia- A condition in which your body loses more heat than it produces resulting in a body temperature less than 95 degrees. This often occurs after prolonged exposure to cold temperature.

Early symptoms

- Shivering
- o *Fatigue*
- Loss of coordination
- Confusion

Late symptoms

- No shivering
- o Blue skin
- Dilated pupils
- Slow pulses and breathing

First Aid

- o Request immediate medical assistance
- Move victim into a warm environment
- Warm the center of their body first (using an electric blanket or skin to skin contact under loose , dry layers of blankets, clothing, or towels)
- o If conscious, Use warm beverages
- Once temperatures increase keep them dry and wrapped in warm blankets
- o If no pulse, begin CPR

Frostbite- A freezing injury to the body. This often affects the nose, ears, chin, fingers, or toes.

Symptoms

- Numbness
- Aching
- Tingling or stinging sensation
- Bluish or pale color

First Aid

- o Move into a warm environment
- Immerse the affected area in warm (not hot) water or warm the affected area using body heat.
- Do not use heating pads, a fireplace, or radiator for warming.
- Do not massage the frostbitten area. This may cause more damage

Trench Foot-An injury to the feet resulting from prolonged exposure to wet and cold conditions

Symptoms

- o Redness of the skin
- Numbness
- Leg cramps
- Swelling
- Tingling pain
- Blisters or Ulcers
- Gangrene(foot may turn dark purple, blue, or gray)

First Aid

- Remove shoes/boots and wet socks
- Dry feet
- Avoid walking

Protecting yourself from cold stress

- Wear appropriate clothing; protecting ears, face, hands, and feet
- o Wear several layers of loose clothing (avoid tight clothing)
- Carry extra socks, gloves, hats, jackets and blankets
- Move into a warm location during breaks; limiting the amount of time outside
- o Include chemical hot packs in your first aid kit
- o Avoid touching cold metal surfaces with bare skin





Upcoming Events

18 Dec: MCSCG Winter Holiday Family Day

• Location: Army Reserve Center, Fort Story, Va.

• Time: Thursday, Dec. 18th, 1700-1900

Contact: Captain Croniser / 757-962-4430 ext. 2277

10 Jan: L.I.N.K.S. for School Aged Kids

• Who: Military children ages 5-12

· Location: Camp Allen Gym

Time: Saturday, January 10th, 1100-1500

Contact: Renee McCoy / 757-445-6875

27 Jan: Unit Family Readiness Volunteer Training

Who: MCSCG Military Spouses

• Location: MCCS Administration Building

Time: Tuesday, January 27th, 0900-1530

Contact: Doretta Richardson / 757-445-6875

7 Feb: L.I.N.K.S. for Couples

Who: MCSCG Military Member & Spouse

Location: MCCS Administration Building

Time: Saturday, February 7th, 0800-1700

Contact: Renee McCoy / 757-445-6875

MCFTB Camp Allen

Marine Corps Family Team Building (MCFTB)

Family

Marine Corps Community Services

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Web Site: http://www.mccscampallen.com

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MCFTB is located in Bldg. CA-5, on Fechteler Road across the street from Elmore Marine Corps Exchange and

Quiznos.



FORWARD DEPLOYED

CURRENT MCSCG DEPLOYED PERSONNEL

LIEUTENANT COLONEL MARTINEZ, ANDREW

MASTER SERGEANT PARRY, SCOTT

MASTER SERGEANT RALPH, GEORGE

GUNNERY SERGANT STITT, ANDREW

MARINES, CIVILIANS AND FAMILY MEMBERS CLEAN-UP FIRST LANDING STATE PARK

<u>PARTICIPANTS</u>: MSgt Neal and son Gavin; GySgt Oman; GySgt Norman; Sgt Carpenter, and Gina Douthit



HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR EMARINE?



Marines and Sailors,

Registration is now open for our Command's new eMarine website! EMarine is a web delivery system supporting Unit, Personal, and Family Readiness. This new website will provide unit members and their Families with quick, easy access to documents, photos, videos, unit event calendar, discussion boards, base information, and much more. This tool will be the primary means through which we will push information and conduct organizational networking. EMarine establishes a conduit for Marines and their Family Members to provide immediate feedback as we continue to shape and improve our support programs to meet their needs.

All Marines and Sailors are strongly encouraged to take a few moments to register for the eMarine site. Your participation will be extremely valuable as we move forward. The registration process is outlined below and takes just minutes. Sponsors will be provided an opportunity to invite Family Members, and are encouraged to do so.

Registration is accomplished as follows:

- 1) Open your web browser and navigate to http://www.emarine.org
- 2) Click on the "Find a Unit Site" button in the top right portion of the screen.
- 3) Search for unit site by location or use Advanced Options for more options.
- 4) Select the link for your site- II MEF> Marine Corps Security Cooperation Group (Virginia, UIC: M200003)
- 5) Click the "I am subscribing as a: Sponsor button and enter the following information:
 - DOB (MMDD format)
 - First Name (As it appears in MOL)
 - Last Name (As it appears in MOL)
 - Your Email
- 6) Click continue and complete your registration by creating a Username and Password
- 7) Click "Invite New Users" and invite your Family Members.
- 8) Save eMarine to your favorites.



SEND US YOUR PHOTOS, IDEAS OR MAYBE YOUR FAVORITE RECIPE.



Just think how much more awesome this newsletter or eMarine would be if it contained one of your photo's or maybe an idea you had or more importantly, if you shared an old family recipe. Well that is exactly what we would like to

Send us your favorite recipes, it maybe your Marines favorite meal or possibly a family great!

We will do our best to get them into the newsletter or on the eMarine site and if we do, you'll get the credit.

If you have any ideas, questions, comments, or suggestions....PLEASE drop us a line or give us a call!

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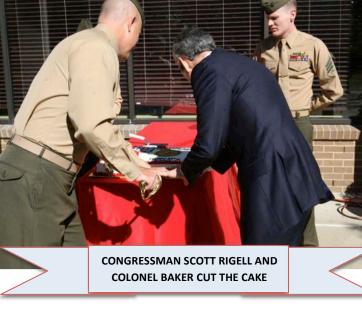


239th USMC BIRTHDAY CAKE CUTTING & MEAL CEREMONY















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> **Web:** www.nmcrs.org **Hours:** Mon-Fri 0800-1600 **Phone:** (757) 462-1596

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From the Litchen



Chocolate Chip PumPkin Bread

To good and moist to pass up this holiday season!

3 cups flour 3 cups sugar

2 tsp baking soda 1/2 tsp baking powder

1 tsp salt1 tsp cloves1 tsp allspice1 tsp cinnamon1 cup vegetable oil2/3 cup water

4 eggs 2 cups canned pumpkin (1 15 oz. can)

12 oz. package chocolate chips

Mix all ingredients except pumpkin and chocolate chips. Add pumpkin to mixture then fold in chocolate chips. Divide between 2 greased, floured 9x5x3 loaf pans. Bake at 325 for 1 hour 15 minutes.

Spicy Party Mix

1 cup of Grape nuts O's2 cups of mixed nuts1 cup of pecans4 cups of Chex cereal

6 cups of small round tortilla chips 1 bag of microwave popcorn, cooked

2 cups of small Bugles 2 cups of small pretzel sticks

Heat following until boiling:

½ cup of brown sugar ½ cup of light Karo syrup

1 T chili powder 1 stick of butter

½ teaspoon cayenne pepper ¼ teaspoon cinnamon

Pour boiling mixture over dry ingredients and mix well. Bake at 250 for 1 hour. Stir from bottom every 15-20 minutes. Cool. Store in airtight container.







